

Nevada State Medical Association

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REPORT OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

First Meeting—September 28, 9:55 a. m.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Nevada State Medical Association was called to order by the first vice-president, A. Huffaker, at 9:55 a. m., at Bowers mansion. On motion the reading of the minutes was laid over until the regular business meeting. J. E. Rickard moved that the secretary be instructed to convey to our president, J. L. Robinson, our sympathy in his illness and our regrets that he is unable to be present. Seconded by J. T. Rees, M. A. Robison moved an amendment to include George McKenzie in the resolution. Amendment accepted by proposer and second. Motion carried. After a few remarks of welcome by the vice president, he opened the regular program by reading the president's address, after which the first paper of the scientific program was called for. The program was as follows:

A. W. Morton, San Francisco—"Report of a Case of Acute Osteomyelitis of the Femur." Discussed by J. T. Watkins, R. A. Bowdle, C. F. Welty, A. P. Lewis.

William N. Kingsbury, Reno—"Generalized Osteitis Fibrosa Cystica." Discussion by A. W. Morton, T. W. Bath, A. R. Kilgore.

James T. Watkins, San Francisco—"Infection of Certain Lymphatic Glands which Stimulate Tuberculous Disease of Neighboring Joints." Discussed by A. R. Kilgore, W. A. Shaw, W. M. Edwards, J. E. Pickard, W. N. Kingsbury.

Charles P. Knight, U. S. P. H. S., Washington, D. C.—"Some Observations on Health Conditions in Nevada." Discussed by T. W. Bath, R. A. Bowdle, R. H. Richardson, W. H. Hood, H. J. Brown, M. R. Brawner.

At this point we adjourned for lunch, which was served on the open front veranda of the mansion. Called to order at 1:30 p. m.

Martin Molony, San Francisco, opened the afternoon session with his paper on "Congenital Diverticulum of the Posterior Urethra, with Some Remarks on the Modern Method of Treating Chronic Seminal Vesiculitis. Illustrated by lantern slides. Discussed by G. F. Farman, B. H. Caples, W. H. Hood, R. St. Clair, and A. Huffaker.

Thomas Wilbur Bath, Reno—"Resumé of the Treatment of Septic and Aseptic Wounds." Discussed by C. G. Wilson, M. L. Herzig, C. L. Hoag, C. P. Knight, R. St. Clair, A. W. Morton, S. M. Sproat and C. F. Welty.

R. A. Bowdle, East Ely—"Injuries to the Astragalus, Report of a Case." Discussed by C. L. Hoag and R. A. Bowdle.

Charles L. Tranter, San Francisco—"Functional Recovery Following Operative Treatment of Brain and Nerve Injuries." Illustrated by lantern slides. Discussed by S. K. Morrison, C. F. Welty, A. P. Lewis, and A. W. Morton.

Maxmillian L. Herzig, Seattle, Wash., Member of this Association—"Undescended Testicle Complicating Acute Appendicitis, Report of a Case." Discussed by S. M. Sproat, C. L. Hoag and M. L. Herzig.

George F. Farman, Los Angeles—"Some Types of Chronic Recurrent Pyelitis and Their Treatment." Discussed by M. Molony and G. F. Farman.

Second Meeting—September 28, 8 p. m.

The business meeting was called to order by the second vice-president, R. H. Richardson, in the ab-

sence of the president and first vice-president. W. A. Shaw moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Seconded by C. E. Piersall. Motion lost. The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

A communication from the American Medical Association regarding clinical laboratories was read. Moved by M. A. Robison, seconded by W. M. Edwards, that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee to take such action as may seem necessary, and to reply to the letter. Carried.

A communication from The American Peace Award Committee was read. This referred to the \$100,000 award offered by Edwin Bok for the best plan to promote peace. Moved by M. A. Robison, seconded by M. R. Walker, that communication be laid on the table. Carried.

Communication from the California State Medical Society, regarding subscriptions to the California Medical Journal, read. Moved by M. A. Robison, seconded by T. W. Bath, that our annual dues be raised to \$7, and the extra \$2 be sent to the California Medical Journal so that our members may receive that publication. Carried.

The Committee on Necrology reported the deaths of G. E. Leavitt of Yerington, and W. D. Row of Carlin, and presented resolutions. Moved and seconded that resolutions be adopted. Carried.

The Judiciary Committee reported its activities during the past year, with especial reference to the work done during the recent session of the Legislature, which included work on the bills to register nurses, establish public hospitals, personnel of the medical examining board, prohibition, the handling of poisons by general merchandise stores, and the Sheppard-Towner bill. Moved by C. E. Mooser, seconded by A. P. Lewis, that the report be accepted. Carried. The delegate to the A. M. A. then made his report. Moved by A. P. Lewis, seconded by C. E. Mooser, that report be accepted. Carried.

The following officers were elected for the year 1924: President, Horace J. Brown, Reno; first vice-president, William M. Edwards, Yerington; second vice-president, A. C. Olmstead, Wells; secretary-treasurer, Claude E. Piersall, Reno; trustee for three years, A. Parker Lewis, Reno; associate editor of the California Journal, G. L. Servos, Reno.

The secretary then presented the names of the following as applicants for membership: George W. Green, Ely; John B. McCann, Tonopah; R. L. Guffey, Tonopah; W. F. Boylan, Bridgeport, Cal.; Marc H. Crocker, Winnemucca; Mary H. Fulstone, Smith; F. J. Crane, Round Mountain; F. C. Pache, San Diego, Cal. (reinstated).

Besides these applicants there were a number elected by the Washoe County Society, on whom it was not necessary for the State association to vote. Moved by A. P. Lewis, seconded by M. A. Robison, that all applications be voted on at once. Carried. Moved by A. R. DaCosta, seconded by M. M. Carmichael, that applicants be elected to membership. Carried.

S. K. Morrison announced that the Washoe County society would pay any deficit in the expenses of the meeting. Moved by H. J. Brown, seconded by C. E. Piersall, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Washoe County society. Carried.

C. E. Mooser moved, seconded by S. K. Morrison, that a vote of thanks be extended to our visitors, and that those of them who have not heretofore been elected as honorary members be now so elected. Carried.

A. P. Lewis moved, seconded by T. W. Bath, that a vote of appreciation of the services of the retiring secretary-treasurer be extended to him. Carried.

In the matter of the time and place for holding the next annual meeting, it was moved by M. A. Robison, seconded by A. P. Lewis, that the selection be left to the incoming officers, as before. Carried. There being no further business, adjournment was

declared until 9:30 a. m., Saturday, when the scientific program was resumed at Bowers Mansion.

Third Meeting, September 29

Meeting called to order at 9:45 a. m., at Bowers Mansion, by A. Huffaker, first vice-president, who introduced as our most prominent guest of honor, Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of the American Medical Association, and president of Stanford University. Wilbur addressed the association for twenty-five minutes in his usual able and entertaining manner, and made a profound impression upon his audience.

Carl G. Wilson, Palo Alto, Cal., then continued the program with a paper entitled: "A Plea for Improvement in Post-Operative Care of Laparotomy." Discussed by A. R. Kilgore, A. P. Lewis, C. L. Hoag, A. W. Morton, R. A. Bowdle, J. T. Watkins, M. L. Herzig.

William A. Shaw, Elko—"A Peculiar Manifestation of Focal Infection. Treatment and Apparent Cure; Three Case Histories." Discussed by A. W. Morton, C. F. Welty, C. P. Knight, E. S. duBray, R. H. Richardson, A. Huffaker.

Alson R. Kilgore, San Francisco—"Syphilis as a Pre-Cancerous Condition." Discussed by Walter Wessels, Ray Lyman Wilbur, C. F. Welty, G. F. Farman, and A. Huffaker.

Claude E. Piersall, Reno—"Present Status of X-ray and Radium Therapy." Discussed by A. R. Kilgore, M. R. Walker, C. F. Welty, and C. E. Piersall.

Cullen F. Welty, San Francisco—"The Care of the Hearing Apparatus." Discussed by M. L. Herzig.

Carl L. Hoag, San Francisco—"The Importance of Selecting Proper Treatment in Each Type of Goiter."

Raymond St. Clair, Oakland, Cal.—"Exophthalmic Goiter. Importance of Early Diagnosis; Report of Four Cases." The two papers above were discussed by C. P. Knight, T. W. Bath, M. A. Robison, M. L. Herzig, C. L. Hoag, and R. St. Clair.

S. M. Sproat, Portola, Cal.—"Perforative Appendicitis. Appendectomy vs. Drainage." Discussed by M. L. Herzig, and C. L. Hoag.

Walter Wessels, Los Angeles—"Errors in Abdominal Diagnosis." Discussed by M. A. Robison, A. J. Hood (Elko), and W. Wessels.

Ernest S. duBray, San Francisco—"Diet Adjustment and Insulin Therapy in Diabetes Mellitus." Discussed by W. Wessels, C. W. West, and I. J. Sellers.

B. H. Caples, Reno—"Bladder Decompression." Discussed by G. F. Farman.

This completed the program, and on motion and second the association stood adjourned sine die. A banquet at 9 p. m. and a barbecue picnic at Pyramid Lake, September 30, concluded a most successful meeting.

HORACE J. BROWN, Secretary.

The following members were in attendance at various times during the meeting: A. Huffaker, M. R. Walker, W. M. Edwards, A. P. Lewis, C. E. Mooser, W. J. Circe, T. W. Bath, L. V. Smith, Alex McIntyre, G. L. Servoss, J. W. Davis, W. C. Lucas, Anna DeChene, J. E. Pickard, V. A. Muller, H. L. Dalby, W. N. Kingsbury, S. K. Morrison, R. St. Clair, Donald Maclean, M. M. Carmichael, C. W. West, D. A. Turner, M. R. Brawner, J. T. Rees, M. A. Robison, J. A. Fuller, H. J. Brown, B. H. Caples, M. L. Herzig, C. E. Piersall, W. H. Riley, A. J. Hood (Elko), G. L. Dempsey, W. A. Shaw, R. A. Bowdle, R. H. Richardson, E. E. Hamer, W. H. Hood, A. J. Hood (Reno), G. M. Gardner, A. R. DaCosta, A. C. Olmstead, W. L. Samuels, C. H. Lehnars.

The following visitors were also present at various times during the meeting:

A. W. Morton, C. L. Tranter, R. C. Glann, Martin

Molony, I. J. Sellers, S. M. Sproat, G. W. Tape, G. Y. Brown, Mrs. M. L. Herzig, C. F. Welty, C. L. Hoag, G. F. Farman, C. P. Knight, W. G. Young, A. L. Thompson, G. E. Pawbreen, Mrs. C. G. Wilson, J. T. Watkins, E. S. duBray, Walter Wessels, P. K. Watters, W. A. Lavery, Theo. Olmsted, Mrs. S. M. Sproat, B. Wilkinson, C. G. Wilson, A. D. McKenney, A. R. Kilgore, C. B. Cortright, W. W. Peterson, R. L. Wilbur, Mrs. O'Brian, E. Devan.

J. LaRue Robinson, Reno, past president of the State association, has been confined to his home as the result of a gunshot wound in his right foot, received September 17, when his gun was accidentally discharged.

Granville E. Leavitt (Yerington), Cooper Medical College, 1903, was drowned September 18 near Wellington, Nev., while hunting ducks. Age 51 years.

William D. Row, Carlin, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, 1883, died in a hospital in San Francisco, September 19. Age, 62.

W. W. Cook, Ely, has disposed of his practice and gone to Sebring, Fla., for the winter. He will return to Nevada in the spring, and resume practice in a new location.

A Side Light from the Source on Osteopathy.—In 1874, Andrew T. Still founded osteopathy. He tells about it in his autobiography. He tried to get started in Kansas, but the powers at Baldwin University refused to permit him to expound his doctrines at that institution. In May, 1875, he was in Kirksville, Mo. It appears that he rather anticipated having a hard time, and he tells that his wife promised to stand by him and help him fight his battle. At this point in his story he presents a little incident which we have thought worth quoting:

"I did not tell her [his wife] that when I came to Missouri I found a letter addressed to my brother Edward, from brother Rev. James M. Still of Eudora, Kans., stating that I was crazy, had lost my mind and supply of truth-loving manhood. I read it and thought, as the eagle stirreth up her nest, so stir away, Jim, till your head lets down some of the milk of reason into some of the starved lobes of your brain. I believed Jim's brain would ripen in time, so I let him pray, until at the end of eighteen years he said:

"Hallelujah, Drew, you are right; there is money in it, and I want to study 'Osteopathy.'" (Journal A. M. A., September 29, 1923.)

Active Immunization Against Diphtheria in Private Practice.—Frank C. Neff, Kansas City, Mo. (Journal A. M. A., September 1, 1923), urges that the medical profession be aroused to the need and usefulness of active immunization to diphtheria. Routine private practice must include the education of families in the use of toxin-antitoxin. It is obvious that the medical profession will be the final authority with the public as to the desirability of diphtheria immunization. The systematic administration of toxin-antitoxin is easy, and if employed in private practice the demand for it will eventually reach throughout the community. The use of refined toxin-antitoxin as now available is safe, and the physician need have no hesitancy in making diphtheria immunization a part of his regular work. It is conservative to state that 90 per cent of persons receiving toxin-antitoxin develop immunity, and that there is a small percentage of persons who develop antitoxin poorly, if at all. That there are a few exceptions can be recognized. No child should be accepted as certainly immune until a negative Schick test is obtained.